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1. In all the ministries of the North Korean government, the key positions were held by personnel from the Kazakh SSR, but of Korean origin. Each ministry also had its Soviet adviser. The Korean group and their Soviet associates included the following:

a. Ministry of Finance:

Minister: KIM Ch'an (金煥), age and Russian name unknown.*

Adviser: Ilatovski, age about 50, a former Soviet Army colonel from the Civil Affairs Headquarters (also called Romanenko's Headquarters)

b. Ministry of Commerce:

Minister: CHIANG Si-u (張特南), native Korean.*

Vice-Minister: YU Ka-i (柳才一), Russian name Pavel Lazarevich, age 47, married to a Soviet Caucasian; former civilian employee of Civil Affairs Headquarters; after being appointed vice-minister changed his name to YU To-sun (柳進善).

Adviser: Neumeiko, age about 37, former Soviet Army captain with the Civil Affairs Headquarters.

c. Ministry of Industry:

Minister: KIM Ch'ack (金策), native Korean.

Vice Minister: KO Ka-i (高才一), age about 38; graduate of some industrial university in the USSR; arrived in Pyongyang during the latter part of 1943.

This ministry had the largest staff of advisers, located in all major industrial plants throughout North Korea in such cities as Pyongyang, Kyomipo, Haaju, Wonsan, Hungnam, Songjin, Chongjin, and Aoji.

d. Ministry of Transport:

Minister: PAK (朴),* Korean name unknown, Russian name Illarion; age 40; Soviet railroad construction and maintenance engineer (Inzhiner Putei Soobshcheniya) who arrived in Pyongyang during the latter part of 1948; after the Korean war began,

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wore the uniform of a North Korean two-star general.

Vice Minister: NAM (南), * about 36; also chief of the Pyongyang Railroad District; sometimes appeared in the uniform of a one-star general.

Adviser: Ostapets, age about 54; arrived in Pyongyang in July 1949; believed to be of Hebrew extraction.

Under the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Auto Transport controlled all auto transport throughout North Korea, including government-owned taxi services in the larger cities. Chief of the department was CHONG (冲), age about 37, from the Kazakh SSR; after the war began, he was appointed chief of the Pyongyang Special District Defense Department, which had headquarters in the air-raid shelters in the restricted Moran Bong Park, Pyongyang, and wore the uniform of a one-star general in the North Korean army.

e. Ministry of Interior:

Minister: PAK Il-u (朴一宇), native Korean.

Vice-Minister: PAK (朴), * age about 40, from the Kazakh SSR; one-star general at the beginning of the Korean war, later promoted to two-star general.

Adviser: Rodyagin, age about 46, former Soviet Army colonel from Civil Affairs Headquarters; believed to be a member of OKR*** Counter-Intelligence.

Deputy Adviser Loyenko, **** age about 30; NCO in the Soviet 25 Army and Liaison during the Soviet occupation of North Korea, in charge Officer with of the army bakery; after the occupation, seen in Pyongyang the Soviet Embassy only in civilian clothes; believed to be a member of OKR Counter-Intelligence.

f. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry:

Minister: Unknown, believed to be a native Korean.

Vice-Minister: Unknown; Kazakh SSR Korean.

Adviser: Ivan Ivanovich Kadyshov, age about 57; former member of Civil Affairs Headquarters, rank unknown.**

g. Ministry of Health and Welfare:

Minister: Unknown, native Korean.

Vice-Minister: YI (李), age about 45, from Kazakh SSR; MD from a Soviet medical school.

Adviser: Pashevski, age about 40; Soviet Army colonel; arrived in Pyongyang early in 1950; also chief of the Soviet hospital in Pyongyang.

h. Ministry of Communications:

Minister: Unknown; believed to be a native Korean.

Vice-Minister: SIN (申), age about 35, from Kazakh SSR.

Adviser: Lazarev, age about 45; former lieutenant colonel in the Soviet 25 Army, exact unit unknown.**

i. Planning Board:

Chairman: CHONG Chun-t'aek (郑学泽), native Korean, * age about 40.

Vice-Chairman: OM (廉), age about 40, from the Kazakh SSR; arrived in Pyongyang late in 1948; wounded during the evacuation of Seoul in late September 1950.

Adviser: Maksimov, * age about 43, civilian; arrived in Pyongyang in late 1949

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j. Ministry of Education:

Minister: Unknown, native Korean.

Vice Minister: NAM Il (남일), * Russian name unknown; age about 38, from Kazakh SSR; brother of the Vice-Minister of Transport; before the establishment of the North Korean government worked in the office of General Balasanov, the diplomatic adviser during the Soviet occupation.

Adviser: Believed to be Morozov, an officer of the Soviet Embassy.

k. Supreme Court:

Senior Procurator: CH'OE (최), age about 46, from Kazakh SSR.

l. North Korean Labor Party Central Committee:

Liaison Officer to the Soviet Embassy: HO Ka-i (호개이), age about 40, from Kazakh SSR.*

2. Telephone numbers of Kazakh SSR Koreans were listed in the directory with Soviet embassy personnel, as were those of the Soviet advisers. On lists for distribution of scarce merchandise used by Churin and Company,***** the names of Kazakh SSR Koreans were included without differentiation with the embassy names. An instance of the position of these Koreans with relation to the Soviets is given as follows: when the Soviet forces withdrew from North Korea in the summer of 1948, Churin and Company opened a bakery. Since bread ration cards were not ready in time, the bakery for temporary use in the distribution of bread received a list of "embassy employees" who were to receive rations. This included all the Kazakh SSR Koreans and their advisers. When the ration cards were supplied a few days later, the Soviet embassy requested the return of the list, but the girl in charge of bread distribution had mislaid it. The manager of Churin and Company was immediately ordered to the embassy and warned that unless the list was returned instantly the girl would be court martialed. The list turned up shortly and was delivered to the embassy before any action was taken.
3. It was quite noticeable in Pyongyang that all the Kazakh SSR Korean ministers and vice-ministers had late-model American sedans imported from Hong Kong for their use, while native Korean officials of equal or even higher rank continued to use battered pre-World War II cars.
4. All advisers of North Korean ministries reported to the Soviet embassy every morning before proceeding to their respective offices.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Among the persons previously identified are the following:

CHANG Si-u is from South Pyongan Province; see [REDACTED] 25X1A

CHONG Chun-t'aek is a native of North Hamgyong, educated in Korea.

HO Ka-i was born in Tashkent and is a Soviet citizen and member of the Soviet Central Committee of the U.S.R. [REDACTED] 25X1A

KIM Chan was born in the USSR; [REDACTED] 25X1A

NAM, Vice-Minister of Transport, is presumably NAM Hak-yong (남학영), native of North Hamgyong, a Soviet Korean; see [REDACTED] 25X1A

NAM Il was born in the USSR; [REDACTED] 25X1A

PAK, Minister of Transport is presumably PAK Hui-yan (박희안), Soviet Korean born in South Hamgyong; [REDACTED] 25X1A

PAK, Vice-Minister of Interior, is presumably PAK Yun-san (박윤산).

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- 25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment: The following were listed in the XXIV Corps
Soviet Personalities in North Korea:
- A Major Kadishev, graduate of the USSR Agricultural Academy,
was Civil Administration representative in receiving ve-
hicles from UMMA.
- A Captain Lazarev was in the operations section of Soviet
Intelligence Headquarters in Hamhung.
- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment: This stands for Otdel Kontr Razvedki (Counter
Intelligence Section).
- 25X1A **** [REDACTED] Comment: The correct spelling of this name is Lovenko,
although it has also been reported as Layenko. His association
with intelligence organizations is believed to be correct.
- 25X1A ***** [REDACTED] Comment: The situation of Churin and Company in Pyongyang
is discussed in [REDACTED] 25X1A

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